



E200 Periodicals

E220 Presorted Rates

Summary E220 describes the eligibility standards for mailing Presorted rate mailings (5-digit, 3-digit, and basic rates). It also describes combining multiple publications or editions.

1.0 BASIC INFORMATION

Standards The standards for Presorted rates are in addition to the basic standards for Periodicals in [M210](#), the standards for other rates or discounts claimed, and the applicable preparation standards in [M045](#), [M200](#), and [M900](#). Not all combinations of presort level, automation, and destination entry discounts are permitted.

Palletized Mail A correctly prepared package is the equivalent of a sack when palletized under [M045](#), [M920](#), [M930](#), or [M940](#). Individual pieces qualify for the presort level rate appropriate for the palletized packages in which they are placed, regardless of the destination of the pallet. Eligibility for destination entry or other zoned rates depends on the point of entry.

Address Quality [\[6-12-03\]](#) All pieces in a Periodicals Presorted rate mailing must bear a delivery address that includes the correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code and that meets these address quality standards:

- a. The ZIP Code accuracy standard in [A030.2.0](#).
- b. If an alternative addressing format is used, the additional standards in [A020](#).

Barcodes Any POSTNET barcode on a mailpiece in a Presorted Periodicals mailing must be correct for the delivery address and meet the standards in [C840](#) and [A950](#).

Documentation A complete, signed postage statement, using the correct USPS form or an approved facsimile, must accompany each mailing, supported by standardized documentation meeting the basic standards in [P012](#). Documentation of postage is not required if each piece in the mailing is of identical weight and the pieces are separated when presented for acceptance by rate, by zone (including separation by In-County and Outside-County rates), and by entry discount (e.g., DDU and DSCF).

2.0 RATES

5-Digit Rates Subject to [M045](#), [M210](#), or [M900](#), 5-digit rates apply to:

- a. Letter-size pieces in 5-digit packages of six or more pieces each, placed in 5-digit trays.
- b. [\[1-9-03\]](#) Flat-size pieces in 5-digit scheme packages and 5-digit packages of six or more pieces each, placed in applicable 5-digit scheme sacks under [M950](#) ([L007](#)), 5-digit sacks, merged 5-digit sacks, or merged 5-digit scheme sacks ([L001](#)) or palletized under [M045](#) or [M920](#), [M930](#), or [M940](#).

3-Digit Rates Subject to [M045](#), [M210](#), or [M900](#), 3-digit rates apply to:

- a. Letter-size pieces in 5-digit and 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each, placed in 3-digit trays.

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- b. [1-9-03] Flat-size pieces in 5-digit packages, 5-digit scheme packages, and 3-digit packages of six or more pieces each, placed in 3-digit sacks or palletized under M045 or M920, M930, or M940.

Basic Rates
2.3 Basic rates apply to pieces prepared under M045, M210, or M900 that are not eligible for and claimed at 5-digit or 3-digit rates.